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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed May 23, 2012, requesting issuance of a duplicate Letters Patent for the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The Publishing Division is directed to issue a duplicate Letters Patent.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206. Any questions concerning issuance of the duplicate Letters Patent should be directed to Kimberly Terrell in the Office of Data Management at (703) 756-1568.

A copy of this decision is being forwarded to Publishing Division for issuance of a duplicate Letters Patent.

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